

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS
CENTRAL DIVISION (WORCESTER)**

MICHAEL DAWE
Plaintiff,

V.

CAPITAL ONE BANK
Defendant.

CASE NO. 04-40192 FDS

ANSWER

Defendant Capital One Bank (“Capital One”) answers the similarly numbered paragraphs of the Complaint as follows:

1. The allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

2. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

3. The allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

4. Admits.

5. The allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

6. Capital One admits that it makes credit card offers to Massachusetts residents and states that the remaining allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

7. The allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

8. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

9. The allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

10. Admits.

11. Capital One denies that the debt at issue was merely “alleged” but otherwise admits the allegations contained in this paragraph.

12. Admits.

13. Denies.

14. The document speaks for itself.

15. The allegations contained in this paragraph state conclusions of law as to which no response by Capital One is required.

16. Admits.

17. Admits.

18. Admits.

19. Admits.

20. Admits.

21. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

22. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

23. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

24. The documents speak for themselves.

25. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

26. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

27. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

28. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

29. Admits.

30. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

31. Denies.

Count I

32. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 31 above.

33. Denies.

34. Denies.

Count II

35. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 34 above.

36. Denies.

37. Denies.

Count III

38. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 37 above.

39. Denies.

40. Denies.

41. Capital One is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the allegations contained in this paragraph.

42. Capital One denies the allegations contained in the first sentence of this paragraph, admits that it continued to attempt to collect on the plaintiff's debt after the dismissal of the collection action referred to in the complaint, and denies the remaining allegations contained in this paragraph.

43. Admits.

44. Denies.

Count IV

45. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 44 above.

46. Denies.

47. Denies.

Count V

48. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 47 above.

49. Denies.

50. Denies.

Count VI

51. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 50 above.

52. Denies.

53. Denies.

54. Denies.

Count VII

55. Capital One incorporates herein by reference its responses to the allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 54 above.

56. Denies.

57. Denies.

First Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.

Second Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrines of waiver and/or estoppel.

Third Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by his own negligence.

Fourth Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by the negligence or other acts or omissions of third parties for whose conduct Capital One is not responsible.

Fifth Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred because Capital One acted at all times in accordance with reasonable commercial standards.

Sixth Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred in whole or in part by applicable statutes of limitations.

Seventh Affirmative Defense

Capital One is entitled to setoff amounts owed to Capital One by the plaintiff on his delinquent loan account against any damages awarded to the plaintiff in this case.

Eighth Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred because he has suffered no damages.

Ninth Affirmative Defense

Plaintiff's claims are barred because he has failed to mitigate his damages.

WHEREFORE, Capital One prays that the Court dismiss plaintiff's claims with prejudice and award Capital One its attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with defending this action.

CAPITAL ONE BANK

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